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RESPONSE (A) TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (non-final) dated 31 March 2003 in the above-captioned U.S. patent application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered. A petition for a three-month extension of time and an associated fee of \$930.00 is being submitted herewith. No other fees are believed necessary for submission and consideration of this response. However, in the event that extensions of time are necessary, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for any future claims added) are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 11460-112.

Claims 1-35 are currently pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting the allowability of claims 4-5, 7-8, 16-17, 19-20 and 32. Through amendments and the Remarks that follow, the rejections of claims 1-3, 6, 9-15, 18, 21-31 and 33-35 are respectfully traversed and overcome.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 10.